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Miss May Sherwood, of Danbury State Teachers College, read a paper at the January meeting entitled: "Some Connecticut Legends." The paper dealt with a selected group of legends such as the Nipmuck Fishing Fires, Lovers Leap, the Phantom Ship, the Dark Day, Moodus Noises, Battle of Short Woods, and the Old Leather Man. This topic is a part of the subject matter contained in the course on Connecticut Life at the Danbury State Teachers College. Already it is available as an extension course in several Connecticut towns.

At the February meeting, Harold C. Jaquith, Provost of Trinity College, talked on "There I Lived: Lincoln's Illinois." The reader gave an interesting account of the country in which Lincoln was reared and of the influences which played such an important part in his career.

"The Testing of Benjamin Gold, Cornwall Puritan," was the title of the paper read at the March meeting by Professor Ralph H. Gabriel of Yale University. This was a discussion of the controversy that arose when it was announced that a Connecticut girl, daughter of Benjamin Gold, was to marry Elias Boudinot, a Cherokee Indian who had been a student in the Foreign Mission School at Cornwall.

In December, Miss Daisy Grou, of Hartford, presented to the Society portraits of her grandparents, Eli and Mehitabel (Smith) Gilman. Eli Gilman was a looking glass maker in Hartford and built the building on the corner of Main Street and Central Row which was known as the Gilman block, later as the Hungerford block and is now the site of the building of the Hartford-Connecticut Trust Company.

The Wesleyan University Library has recently given the Society an account book of Benjamin Gale, the famous physician and political writer of Killingworth. The records are from 1737 to 1739 and show that Dr. Gale conducted an extensive general store, a hitherto unknown phase of his life.

Among the numerous land companies, organized during the eighteenth century by residents of Connecticut, were the Connecticut Delaware first and second Companies. These, like the Susquehannah Company, dealt with land in what is now the northern part of Pennsylvania.

Connecticut claimed this territory under its Charter of 1662 by which the colony extended westward to the "South Sea." The land of the Connecticut Delaware first Company lay east of and adjoining that claimed by the Susquehannah Company. Little is known of this Delaware Company other than that it had laid out and presumably disposed of a number of townships in Westmoreland, then considered a part of Litchfield County. The unique document that follows, which was recently procured by the Society, shows the form of grants by the Company and gives the names of the original proprietors. This grant is written with black and red ink on a parchment measuring about twenty-eight by thirteen inches and contains at the right of the text a map of the township drawn to a scale of 80 chains to an inch. The signatures of the Committee are authenticated by wax seals placed upon an inserted ribbon. Columbia township was a few miles south of the present town of Equinunk, Wayne County, Pennsylvania.

Whereas the Connecticut Delaware first Company, voted and entered on their records, That the Subscribers with others (Three of whom were to be a quorum) Should be a Committee under said Company, duly authorized to make out and sign Grants or locations of Land within the limits of the purchase of said Company, to such applicants as made it manifest they were proprietors in said purchase.. And whereas Theophilus Huntington, Joel Tilden and Eleazer Baldwin, all of Lebanon, County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, have this day Exhibited to us the Subscribers, Rights, sufficient to entitle them to a Grant of a Township of Land, Six Miles square, which Township is bounded and described as follows. To Wit: Beginning at the north east corner of the Town of Faxon, and south east corner of the Town of New Haven a tree marked EH.BS. Thence North Six Miles to the north east corner of New Haven and south east corner of the Town of Scotland, Thence East Six Miles to a maple tree, Thence South Six Miles to a stake and stones, Thence West six miles to the place of beginning; Containing Twenty three thousand and forty Acres of Land and known by the name of COLUMBIA.

Now know all men by these presents, that we the undersigned Committee, Have Granted, apportioned and set off, to the aforesaid: Huntington, Tilden and Baldwin, The aforesaid Township in severalty from said general tract or purchase with all the privileges and appurtinances thereto belonging, to themselves their heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony whereof we the undersigned have hereunto set our hands and seals at our Surveyors Office in Norwich this 13th of January, Seventeen Hundred Ninety Eight.

Andrew Tracy	O
Benj^{n} Throop	O
Will^{m} Young Jr	O

The Survey of the aforesaid Township of Columbia does not Interfere with any Grant of a previous date. Approved Ezekiel Hyde, Superintendent of Surveys.

Recorded in Liber A page 535 Records of the Connecticut Delaware first Company 13th Jany AD 1798.

Attest Andrew Tracy, Clerk

Rights, Original proprietors		Present Owners	N° Acres
William Morgan	2000	The^{o} Huntington	2000
Rufus Baldwin	2500		
John Baldwin	2500		
Joshua Elderkin	2500		
Matthias Rust	2500		
David Morgan	2500	Tilden & Baldwin	21040
Christopher Pees	2500		
John Hyde	2500		23 040 Acres
John Gustin	2500		
Elijah Farris	1040		
	23 040		

A list of the Society's colonial bills is here concluded.

VIRGINIA BILLS OF CREDIT

June 8, 1757—£10.

July 17, 1775—1*s*3*d*, 2*s*6*d*, 5*s*, 10*s*, 12*s*6*d*, 20*s*, £2, £3.

[September 1], 17[75]—James River Bank— {20*s*, £12}. Printed from engraved plate with the date and denomination filled in with pen.

May 6, 1776—2*s*6*d*, 5*s*, 7*s*6*d*, 10*s*, 12*s*6*d*, $1/3, $4, $5.

October 7, 1776—$1/6, $1/3, $2/3, $1, $4, $5, $6, $8, $10, $15.

[May 5], 177[7]—$1/3, $2/3, $1, $4, $5, $6, $8, $10. The date filled in with ink.

[October 20], 177[7]—$1/3, $2/3, $1, $4, $5, $6, $8, $10, $15. The date filled in with ink.

May 4, 1778—$1/4, $1/3, $2/3, $1, $3, $4, $5, $8, $10, $15.

October 5, 1778—$1/4, $1/3, $2/3, $1, $3, $5, $7, $10, $15, $100.

May 3, 1779—$3, $7, $10, $50.
May 1, 1780—$1, $2, $3, $4, $5, $7, $8.
July 14, 1780—$6 2/3, $10, $13 1/3, $15, $20, $35, $45, $55, $60, $80, $100.
October 16, 1780—$50, $100, $200, $400.
October 16, 1780—For clothing the army—$300, $500.
March 1, 1781—$20, $50, $80, $150, $250, $500, $750, $1000.
May 7, 1781—$10, $15, $25, $30, $40, $50, $70, $75, $100, $200, $500, $1000, $1200, $1500, $2000.

Hartford South Burying Ground Inscriptions

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Cornelia/ Wife of James Dodd/ & daughter of/ Jonathan & Delia Bull/ died May 19 1833/ Aged 42 years./

In memory of/ an affectionate wife/ and sincere friend/ Delia Tisdall/ Consort of/ Thomas Tisdall/ and daughter of/ Jonathan Bull Esq./ departed/ November 3rd 1809/ Aged 30 years/

Thomas Tisdall/ died August 31 1818/ Aged 61 years/

In memory of/ Catherine Julia/ daughter of Mr./ Roderick & Mrs./ Mary Sheldon/ died July 27/ AD. 1803/ Aged 3 years/ & 1. month./

Sacred/ to the memory of/ Mr./ Roderick Sheldon/ who departed this life/ Jan.y 8. 1812/ Aged 57 years/

To the Memory of/ Mr./ Charles Sheldon/ who died/ August 1 1813/ Aged 56 years/

In Memory of/ James Babcock/ who died/ Dec. 5. 1852/ Æ 69./

In Memory of/ Emeline/ daughter of/ Elisha & Dolly/ Babcock/ died/ April 21 1807/ Æ. 10. y./

In Memory of/ Jona Wells Babcock/ Son of/ Elisha and Dolly Babcock/ he died July 27 1808/ Aged 28./

In memory of/ Elisha Babcock/ he died April 7. 1821/ Aged 68 years/

In memory of/Dolly Babcock/ relict of/ Elisha Babcock/ who died/ June 6 1832/ Aged 75 years./

Edward Thomas/ Son of/ John & Mary Thomas/ died/ August 10 1808/ Aet. 23 years/

James Thomas /died/ Dec 28 1854/ Æ 82./

Elizabeth Thomas/ died/ Aug 24 1854/ Æ. 74/

Sacred to the memory of/ An affectionate wife mother/ and friend/ Mrs. Mary Seymour/ the pious consort of/ Thomas Seymour Esq./ and daughter of the late/ John Ledyard Esq./ She died August 27 1807/ Aged 72 years/

Tho. Y. Seymour Esq/ Died. 1811/ Æ. 53/

In/Memory of/ Edward Seymour/ who died/ Oct. 31. 1822/ Aged 61./

Mary/ Relict of/ Edward Seymour/ died/ May 4. 1836/ Æ 68./

To the/ Memory of/ our beloved father/ Henry Seymour/ deceased/ May 13 1846/ Aged 82/

To the memory/ of our/ Beloved mother/ Jane Ellery/ wife of Henry Seymour/ She departed this life/ Sunday morning/ Oct. 12. 1851/ Aged 78 years/

Sacred to the memory of/ Mr. John Chenevard/ Eldest son of the late/ Capt. John Chenevard/ who died April 19 AD 1808/ Aged 38 years/

Mary J Chenevard/ died Jan. 6. 1843/ Aged 74/

William Chenevard/ lost at sea Sept 1824/ Aged 25/

John M Chenevard/ died Nov. 5. 1870/ Aged 75/

Charlotta Seymour/ daughter of/ Ledyard &/ Hannah Seymour/ died/ May 31 1843/ Æ. 22 years/

Isaac T. Seymour/ Son of/ Ledyard &/ Hannah Seymour/ died/ . . .

Heppy Morse/ wife of/ Nathan M Morse/ died/ June 23 1835/ Aged 37/

In/ memory of/ Robert Bunce/ Son of/ Henry &/ Rebecca L./ Winship/ who died/ May 23 1834/ Aged 10. mo/

In memory of/ Mrs/ Abigail Saunders/ who departed this life/ Dec. 24th 1807/ Aged 57 years/

In/ Memory of/ Mr George Pierce./ Merchant/ who departed this life/ September 23 AD 1806/ Aged 30. years./

In memory of/ Mrs Ann Saxelbye/ formaly of London/ who died at Hartford/ the 13th June AD 1803/ Aged 49 years/

In memory of/ Noah Humphrey/ who died/ April 15 1824/ Aged 57 years/

In/ Memory of/ Joseph Seymour/ who died/ Sept. 20 1826/ Aged 31 years/

In/ Memory of/ Calvin Seymour/ who died/ Dec. 16 1819/ Aged 53/ Sarah his relict/ died Dec. 8. 1826/ Aged 61/

In Memory of/ Mrs/ Mary Skinner/ wife of/ Mr./ Stephen Skinner, who departed this/ life Nov. 16. 1807/ Aged 50 years/

In memory of/ Mr. Brazillai Hudson/ Born in Bridgewater Mass./ 25 Dec. 1741./ died 31 July 1823/ in the 82 year/ of his age/

In memory of/ Mrs Hannah Hudson/ the wife of/ Brazillai Hudson/ who died/ 26 Sept. 1807./ In the 58th year/ of her age/

In memory of/ Mr./ William Hudson/ Son of/ Brazillai and/ Margarett Hudson/ who departed this life/ December 15th 1807/ in the 39 year/ of his age/

Sacred/ to the memory of/ Mrs./ Rebecca Dunham/ wife of/ Mr. William Dunham/ born Aug. 17.th AD. 1791/ died March 20th AD 1814/

Flavel G./ Son of Charles &/ Maria Boardman/ died/ Jan. 28. 1838/ AE. 15 mo's./

In/ Memory of/ Mary Seymour/ widow of/ Freeman Seymour/ She died April 29. 1827/ in the 70 year/ of her age/

In memory of/ Mary Seymour/ wife of/ James Seymour/ who died Sept 28. 1826/ Aged 41/ Likewise their child/ Israel Seymour/ aged 9. day/

Two children of/ Richard &/ Amanda Seymour/ Ruben died Mar./ 17. 1818 aged 2 yr. &/ 7 months/ Julius died Oct./ 19. 1822 aged 5 yr./ & 8. months./

In/ Memory of/ Miss Lydia Seymour/ daughter of/ Daniel Seymour/ who died/ July 30 1828/ Aged 63/

In memory of/ Mrs Mary Catlin/ Relict of the late Mr./ Ebenezer Catlin/ who died May 19th/ AD 1803/ Aged 75 years/

William Boardman/ Born/ March 2 1763/ died/ May 29 1821/

Lewis Catlin/ Son of/ Wm & Jennett Boardman/ Born Feb. 17. 1786/ died March 23 1809./

To the memory of/ Capt./ Zebulon Seymour/ Who departed this life/ on the 27th July 1807/ Aged 70 years/

In memory of/ Capt. Nathaniel/ Seymour/ who died Jany 24th/ AD 1803/ in the 34 year/ of his age/

[West side] In memory of/ Rev. Abel Flint D.D./ Pastor of the second/ church in this town/ born in Windham/ Aug. 6. 1765 graduated/ at Yale Coll. Sept 1785/ Ordained April 20 1791/ resigned his Pastoral/ office Feb. 1824 and/ died March 7. 1825/

[North side] Dr. Flint/ Was a distinguished scholar/ active and laborous in the discharge/ of his various duties. In the early/ operations of the Miss. and/ Bible societies, and other religious/ Institutions of the State he/ performed important part./ To the benevolence of the christian/ he united urbanity and dignity/ of manners. Having devoted his/ life to the service of the Church, and/ the people of his charge. He rests/ from his labors in the hope of a/ blessed Immortallity./

[South side] Mrs. Amelia Flint/ wife of the/ Rev. Abel Flint/ and daughter of/ Col. Hezekiah Bissell/ of Windsor/ died Jan 19 1810/ Aged 44./

Frances Louise/ daughter of/ D'Ortigne & Frances/ Raphel/ died/ Aug. 18. 1840/ Æ 1. yr &. 8. months/

In memory of/ Fontiene Raphel/ a native of Marseilles France/ Born Jan 22. 1761./ Died Nov. 6. 1840/

In memory/ of/ Mrs Marie Louise Angelique/ Raphel/ a native of Marseilles/ who died the 20 day of March 1806/ in the 41st year of her age/

En Memoire/ de/ Mademoiselle Marie Louise Angelique/ Raphel/ Native de Marselles/ decedee le 20 Mars 1806/ agee de 41 ans./

Anna Merit/ wife of/ William Merit/ died June 9 1828/ Aged 44/

To the memory of/ Mrs. Mary Ensign/ Relict of Mr./ Joseph Ensign/ who died Febr. 19./ AD. 1805/ Aged 78 years/

In memory of/ Miss Sophia Witheril/ Daughter of/ Mrs. Capt. Vibbert/ wife of/ Mr. Elijah Vibbert/ who died June 11th 1806/ Aged 18 years/

Oliver Swan/ died/ Oct 19 1837/ Aged 55/

William Dexter/ Died Aug. 7. 1815/ Aged 59 years/ Intered here/

Lurancy Dexter/ his wife/ died Oct. 31. 1805/ Aged 42 years/

To the memory of/ Hezekiah/ Woodbridge/ Bissell/ who died Novr 10th/ AD 1802/ Aged 30. years/

In/ Memory of/ Elizabeth wife of/ Daniel Bunce/ who died/ Sept. 10. 1820/ Aet. 64./

In memory of/ Miss Patty Carter/ daughter of/ Mr. John &/ Mrs. Sarah Carter/ who died/Oct. 17. 1813/ Aged 10 years/

In memory of/ Mr. John Carter/ He died Dec. 20th 1805/ In the 53d year of/ his age/

In/ Memory of/ Elizur Carter/ who died/ July 24 1821/ in his 61 year/

In/ Memory of/ Huldah daughter of/ Freeman &/ Mary Seymour/ who died/ Sept. 5. 1815/ in her 22 year/

Ann/ Wife of/ Neill McLean/ died/ Dec. 2 1834/ Aged 86/

In memory of/ Mr. Hubbell Buell/ Eldest son John H./ Buell Esq of Hebron/ he died in Hartford/ March 5 1811 Aged/ 27 years/

Fanny Steele/ Died 3rd October/ AD 1808/ Aged 22 years/

In memory of/ Katharine daughter/ of Mr Nathaniel S./ & Mrs/ Hebzibah Benton/ who died Janr 10th/ AD 1807/ Aged 12 years/

Miriam/ wife of/ Ithamar Colton/ died/ July 28th 1840/ Aged 86/

Miriam Colton dau. of Ithamar & Miriam (Benton) Colton. [No stone]

Betsey Benton/ died/ June 24 1847/

Ursula Benton dau. of Samuel & Prudence (Seymour) Benton. B. 24th Aug. 1773. D. 13th Nov. 1773. Burried 14th Nov. 1773. This was the first burial in what is called the South Burying Ground. At this time 1773 it was a part of Samuel Benton's farm. This is the

direct statement of Mrs. Prudence Benton to her grand daughter Mrs. Martha A. Johnson who is now living in Barre Mass (1894) This same statement was made to the writer by Mrs Martha (Benton) Lathrop dau. of the above Samuel & Prudence (Seymour) Benton. [No stone]

Samuel Benton I. son of Samuel & Prudence (Seymour) Benton B. 20 Aug. 1774 D. 7 Oct. 1776 Burried 8 Oct. 1776 [No stone]

Samuel Benton II. son of Samuel & Prudence (Seymour) Benton B. 30 Aug. 1780 D. 8 Sept. 1780 Burried 9 Sept. 1780 [No stone]

Moses Benton, son of Samuel & Prudence (Seymour) Benton B. 2 March 1797 D. 10 March 1797 Burried 11 March 1797 [No stone]

Orlando Lathrop son of Frederick & Martha (Benton) Lathrop B. 27 March 1809 D. 30 Nov. 1828 [Fragment of stone]

Frederick Lathrop Jr. son of Frederick & Martha Benton Lathrop B 14 Dec. 1807 D. 29 June 1837 [No stone]

Martha Benton Lathrop dau. of Samuel & Prudence (Seymour) Benton and wife of Mr. Frederick Lathrop B. 21. May 1786 D. 30 Nov. 1878 Burried 2. Dec. 1878 [No stone]

Prudence Benton dau of Samuel & Prudence (Seymour) Benton B. 5. Aug 1778 D. 20 Feb. 1816 [No stone]

Prudence Seymour Benton dau. of Zebulon & Keziah (Bull) Seymour and wife of Mr. Samuel Benton B. 3. April 1755 D. 1. Sept. 1831 Burried 2. Sept. 1831. [No stone]

Samuel Benton son of Moses & Meriam Benton Bap. 18 June 1749 D. 23 April 1803 Burried 25 April 1803. [No stone]

Ebenezer Benton/ born 1695/ died Dec. 20 1770/

Elizabeth/ his wife born 1695/ died March 8 1791/

John Benton/ son of/ Ebenezer & Elizabeth/ Benton/ born Nov. 10. 1724/ died Nov. 9. 1805/

Joseph/ died/ in Martinique W. I./ January 1789/ Aged 26/ William/ died/ in Philadelphia Pa/ Aug. 18. 1792/ Aged 26/ Sons of John &/ Elizabeth Benton/

Elizabeth Wells/ wife of/ John Benton/ born Nov. 7. 1724/ died Dec. 21. 1819/

In memory of/ Mrs Mary Hinsdale/ relick of the late/ Capt. James Hinsdale/ who died/ April 22. 1839/ Æ 81/

James Burt Benton/ born Sept. 16. 1819/ died at South Hadley Falls Mass/ Aug. 30. 1858/ George Benton/ born. Feb. 11. 1825/ died in the City of Janesville Wis/ Aug. 9. 1856/ Sons of W^{m} & Lydia/ Benton/

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